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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1.	This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of two (2) months to respond to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003.			
2.		a small entity;	other than a small entity.	
3.	Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):			
	Total Months	Fee For Other	Fee for	
	Requested	Than Small Entity	Small Entity	
	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00	
\boxtimes	two months	\$420 .00	. \$210.00	
	three months	\$950.00	\$ 475.00	
	four months	\$1,480.00	\$7 40.00	
	five months*	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00	
*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.				
	A check in the amount of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ is enclosed. Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee. Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.			
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Respectfully submitted,

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